

Remarks

Claims 1, 2 and 4 were acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. Claim 2 has been canceled herein, and no new claim has been added, leaving claims 1 and 4 for further consideration.

Claim 1 has been amended to limit the structure of the grasping device to comprising a hollow, substantially rigid shaft having a proximal end, a straight proximal portion extending along an axis distally of the proximal end, a curved rigid distal portion having a curved centerline curving away from the axis, and a lumen extending along the axis and the curved centerline.

Claim 1 has been further amended to limit the rod to being positioned in the shaft lumen of the proximal portion of the shaft in reciprocally sliding relationship therewith, and the wire-like elements extend distally from the rod to move through the curved distal portion of the shaft in conjunction with the movement of the rod along the axis.

The amended language is believed to distinguish from the Anderson curved shaft, which is curved circumferentially, rather than along its lengthwise extent.

Claim 4 has been amended in the same manner as claim 1.

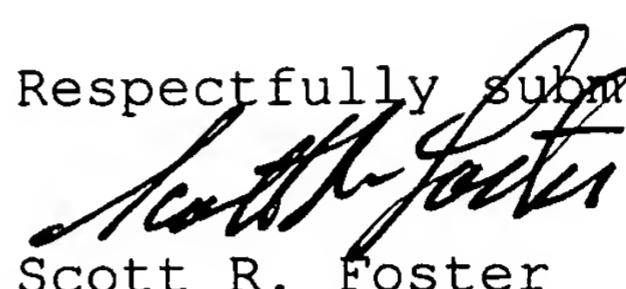
It appears that claims 1 and 4 now clearly distinguish over Anderson and Yoon, and allowance thereof is most respectfully requested.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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